

14 February 1983

DDI TALKING POINTS

Iran-Iraq: Current Situation	
The first phase of Iran's offensive on the Doveyrij River	
front was a total failure.	25X1
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The offensive began on the night of 6 February with an	
Iranian attack on the southern portion of the Iraqi lines	
east of Al Amarah.	
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On 9 February, Revolutionary Guards with limited regular	
infantry and armored support penetrated five kilometers	
behind the Iraqi lines. A subsequent Iraqi counterattack	0EV4
cutoff and surrounded the Iranians.	25 X 1
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As of 14 February the Iraqis still hold their original	
front lines east of Al Amarah.	
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performance, the Iranian defeat stems from a number of factors:

- -- Inadequate intelligence on Iraqi tactical dispositions.
- -- Poor coordination between regular and irregular units.

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	shortages that have caused sharp upport from artillery and attack	25X1
helicopters. I ground attack m	ranian fighter-bombers were not used for issions.	25X1
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took a typicall	In his Friday prayer session, Khamenei y hard line, reemphasizing Iran's	
commitment to de	eal the Iraqis " final blow." He also	
said that the "	punishment of the aggressor is more	25X1
important to us	than regaining" territories occupied by	
Iraq, possibly	leading to a misinterpretation of Iran's	
position by dip	lomats in Tehran.	25 X 1

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Iran-Iraq War: Military Forces

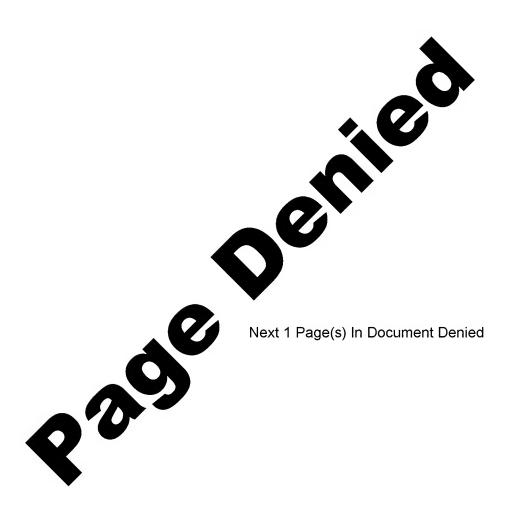
OVERALL

	Iraq	Iran
Army regular troops irregular troops tanks APCs artillery	400,000 300,000 3,000 2,900 1,400	200,000 300,000 900 900 775
Air Force personnel operational fighter aircraft	17,000 250	50,000 70
Air Defense personnel operational SAM launchers (excluding SA-7s)	20,000 350	20,000
Navy personnel destroyers frigates missile boats	5,000 0 0 10	15,000 3 4 11

Forces on the Doveyrij River Front

	Iraq	Iran
Regular divisions	6	3
Personnel	120,000	150,000
Armored vehicles	1,000	550
Artillery	375	140

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